



## Mary Elizabeth Pender

April 15, 1929 - April 30, 2016

Mary E. Pender, 87, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Royalton Manor in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM on Tuesday, May 3, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will be at North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will begin at Noon on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Niles Ave Baptist Church. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Mary was born on Apr 15, 1929 in Hornersville, MO to Asa and May Pierce and was one of 13 children. She married her husband, J. C. Pender, and he preceded her in death in 1994. She worked as an inspector at VM Corporation for more than 30 years and then was in quality control at Benton Harbor Screw Co for 12 years before retiring in 1993. She was a volunteer at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center and also worked at the Area Agency on Aging. Mary was always helping others. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Mary loved her family, her friends and her God.

She leaves behind her children, Deborah (Joel) Graziani of Estero, FL and Cary (Julie) Pender of St. Joseph; her grandchildren, Vanessa (Matt), Jordan, Jack, and Jonathan, and her great grandchildren, Lincoln, Charlotte, and Jasper. A special thank you to her caregiver and friend, Beverly Grau.

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 3.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Services Celebrating Her Life

**MAY 3.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## Luncheon

**MAY 3.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Niles Avenue Baptist Church  
1301 Niles Avenue  
St Joseph, MI 49085  
<http://www.nilesavebc.org>

## Entombment

MAY 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Deb, Gary, and family...I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a wonderful and kind person. I would run into her at different times over the years, and she would always remember me, even though we both got older each time. I will remember her as a thoughtful and giving person, and consider myself thankful that I knew her. Thinking of you all at this time. Deb Dilts Locklear I will pass on a gift to her church.*

deb dilts locklear - May 04, 2016 at 02:18 PM

LR

“ *Deborah, we are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your mother, Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Laurie & Greg Ruselowski - May 02, 2016 at 09:25 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Stephanie, Liam, and Emma Flood purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth Pender.*



With Love, Stephanie, Liam, and Emma Flood - May 02, 2016 at 07:45 PM

DH

“ *Cary and Julie, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. May God help you through this time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.....*



Don Hemming - May 02, 2016 at 07:03 PM

JG

“ *Of all the mothers in law in the world I was blessed with having the very best one. Mary, you will be in my heart forever.*

*Love, Joel*

Joel Graziani - May 02, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Pender.* ”



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May 02, 2016 at 09:15 AM